

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1        1. A system for processing a form, comprising:
  - 2            an originating system associated with an originator;
  - 3            a client system;
  - 4            a center system;
  - 5            a user system associated with a user;
  - 6            an identifier-generating software module;
  - 7            a form-handling software module in the client system comprising computer-executable code for sensing a request for the form by the originator, for entering first automatically extractable data onto an instance of the form, and for generating a command to produce the form for the originator;
  - 11            an intercepting software module comprising computer-executable code for sensing the command to produce the form,
  - 13            the identifier-generating software module thereupon generating an identifier uniquely identifying the instance of the form, and augmenting the instance of the form with the identifier;
  - 16            a form-processing software module within the center system and comprising computer-executable code for storing an association of the identifier with the instance of the form, for receiving the augmented instance of the form after handling by the originator and/or user, for comparing the identifier of the received form against the association, and for automatically routing an image of the received form to a destination indicated in a corresponding entry in a configuration file.

- 1        2. A system as in claim 1, in which the intercepting software module is a driver installed in the client system.

- 1        3. A system as in claim 2, in which the command to produce the form is a command to a standard printer driver within the client system.

1           4.     A system as in claim 2, in which the command to produce the form is a  
2 command to download the form to the originating system over a network.

1           5.     A system as in claim 1, further comprising a coordinating system  
2 connected by network to both the client system and the center system for transmitting  
3 information identifying the instance of the form to the center system from the client  
4 system.

1           6.     A system as in claim 5, in which the coordinating system is a web service.